

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of March 6, 2008, Applicant elects Group A, drawn to a cast-cutter cutting by shearing action, and Subgroup A5, drawn to the feature of cutting means having a first stationary portion and a second moveable portion. Applicant further elects the species of Figure 2. Original claims 1-49 read on the elected invention.

These elections are made without traverse.

Amendment

By this amendment claims 1 and 50 have been rewritten to essentially incorporate the limitations of original dependent claims 13 and 22 which have been canceled. Claims 1 and 50, as amended clearly relates to the elected invention.

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